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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH TO NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. IN SPEECH AMBASSADOR IS MAKING TO ANNUAL MEETING OF NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT NOON LAGOS TIME TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 11, CAN HE SAY THAT SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SOUTH AFRICAN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO NAMIBIA, AND THAT US SUPPORTS A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE UNDER UN AUSPICES WITH NAMIBIAN PARTICIPATION INCLUDING SWAPO? COULD HE ALSO MAKE REFERENCE TO US DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING NAMIBIA ALONG LINES FOLLOWED BY GOVERNOR SCRANTON IN EXPLAINING US VETO OF SANCTIONS RESOLUTION OCTOBER 19?

2. PERTINENT PORTION OF SPEECH DRAFT READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE
AS AN OUTGROWTH OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INITIATIVES, THE SMITH REGIME IN SALISBURY ANNOUNCED ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS. THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT IN RHODESIA AGREED TO MEETIN GENEVA TO WORK OUT THE FORMS AND TIMING FOR THE TRANSFER OF POWER. THESE TALKS, AS YOU KNOW, ARE NOW IN PROGRESS. AS FOR NAMIBIA, THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE CONTRIBUTED TO SOUTH AFRICAN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE. THE US HAS FURTHER URGED SOUTH AFRICA TO AGREE TO A NAMIBIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES OUTSIDE NAMIBIA AND WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF GROUPS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
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